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Los Angeles  
Area Chamber of Commerce

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Mr. Lester Snow  
Executive Director, CALFED  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce represents more than 1,500 businesses from Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties. We have been closely following the CALFED process, and water availability and reliability is one of the priority issues our Board of Directors has chosen to address on behalf of the business community. These issues are critical for our present and future generations – and for our region's economy and quality of life.

We support the September 15, 1998 policy position adopted by the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board of Directors you have already received. MWD's enunciation of a regional approach emphasizes the water quality benefits required to ensure the high quality, safe, and reliable water the Los Angeles area needs and deserves.

We urge you to address MWD's position and to include it in the Bay-Delta solution being developed. We need these assurances now, not later, in order to ensure our support for a workable resolution of this important water resources issue.

In addition, we are enclosing a copy of a document we co-signed with most major business associations from up and down the state entitled "Recommendations from the Business Community on CALFED." In this document, we outline a water policy we feel should also be included in a framework of a balanced CALFED Bay-Delta Program solution. Topics addressed include water quality, voluntary water transfers, supply reliability, storage, and conveyance.

Sincerely,

Alison A. Winter  
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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President

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